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WITHIN THE WEEK

Under a spotlighted portrait of Abraham Lincoln and the non-controversial slogan, *God Speed Our Boys to Victory*, Republicans in Chicago this wk concluded perhaps the least exciting nat'l political convention of a generation.

Tho from a thousand placards the *Herald-American* elephant trumpeted the query, "Who Will be My Candidate?" there was never any real doubt of the outcome. It had to be Dewey.

Keynoter Warren was earnest. Herbert Hoover was patriarchal. La Luce was glamorous. But the delegates were apathetic. They came to life only briefly with the appearance of Gov Bricker on Wednesday, and in the final session when they were addressed by the convention's nominee. This is not to say that the party, under vigorous young leadership, cannot win in November. It is to say that the delegates did not have in their hearts a strong conviction of Victory. Or so it seemed from our press box.

FINLAND: The situation isn't well understood here. The little country is a victim of geography and has not, in any real sense, been a free agent for many mo's. Nazis this wk tightened their strangle-hold on Finland. Several related reasons: New German troops moved in this wk, and those already occupying northern part

of the country (totaling possibly a doz divisions) are designed 1st of all to guard north flank of Hitler's European fortress. It is the German hope that this move will relieve some pressure against the drive on Minsk; it will temperarily keep Russians from the key Baltic base of Hangoe; it will continue Nazi access to Finland's mineral wealth, particularly nickel. Equally important, it maintains the status of Nazi iron supply from Norway. This iron is now shipped via rail thru Sweden to the Gulf of Bothnia. With Russian forces holding the Hangoe peninsula, shipment of this iron thru inland sea route would be suspended.

FRANCE: In a sense, Leval was not wide of the mark when he characterized slaying of propaganda minister Henriot as an act of "civil war." French patriots are engaged in active warfare against collaborationist gov't. We see in France a reflection of what is now going on all over Europe. Internal forces, long dormant, are awakening and may get out of control.

De Gaulle appears to have strengthened his personal position within France, partly as a result of his feud with Pres Roosevelt. If some workable arrangement does not emerge from coming conference of these leaders, it is not improbable that we may yet witness in France some form of authoritarian order under de Gaulle.



SHIFTING SANDS

This will be the 1st time within recollection of present business leaders, and probably 1st time in our nat'l history when a Presidential election can be expected to have no visible effect upon business. Both parties are consecrated to a "win-the-war" program. That is, and will continue to be the primary consideration. As war production tapers off, as anticipated by early Fall, industry certainly will not hold up reconversion plans to await the election outcome. However the vote may go, business leaders have no doubts as to the waiting mkt for just about any consumer wares that can be assembled. . . A condition which we forecast becomes increasingly evident: labor unions demand long-term wage agreements extending over transition period. But industry can pay high wages only so long as mkt's hold. Remember case of bricklayer who explained: "My wages is so high I can't git no work."



FOR THOSE WHO WILL NOT BE MENTALLY MAROONED

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"HE WHO NEVER QUOTES, IS NEVER QUOTED"

Charles Haddon Spurgeon

"After all, you know she does get around!"—Woman delegate to Republican Nat'l convention, discussing wild rumor that Mrs. Roosevelt was expected to attend.

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"This is one for Ripley, all right."—EDW J KELLY, Democratic Mayor of Chicago, photographed among notables at Republican Nat'l convention.

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"Daughter of Theodore Roosevelt, eh? How'd you spell Theodore?"—Young reporter interviewing ALICE ROOSEVELT LONGWORTH at Republican Nat'l convention.

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"After 30 yrs in uniform, I often wonder if I've done as well as these youngsters in the air force in a few months."—MAJ-GEN WM E KEPNER, commander 8th Fighter Command.

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"This man will win because he is faced in the direction the American people want to go."—DWIGHT GRISWOLD, Gov of Nebraska, nominating GOV THOS E DEWEY as the Republican candidate for President.

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"For 11 long yrs we have been in the middle of the stream. We are not amphibious. We want to get across. We want to feel dry and solid ground under our feet again."—GOV EARL WARREN, of Calif, in keynote speech of Republican Nat'l convention.

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"Imagine a former official of the Nat'l Ass'n of Mfgs sitting on the labor committee!"—WM GREEN, pres, AFofL, commenting on presence of ALBERT HAWKES at a session drafting Republican labor plank. (Green forecast 80% labor vote for Roosevelt.)

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"Delayed action bombs have been placed in inaccessible tunnels, some of them specially bored. Dynamite has been laid in sewers and in abandoned sections of the underground ry."—From a French-Spanish frontier report that Germans are completing plans to evacuate Paris, and that the city is heavily mined.

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"I've seen more good-looking men in 2 days in Chicago than I'd look at in a wk's ramble around the film lots. . . No political party has a corner on good looks."—HEDDA HOPPER, in Chicago to view Republican Nat'l convention.

"To Americans of every party I pledge that on Jan 20 next yr our gov't will again have a Cabinet of the ablest men and women to be found in America. Its mbrs will expect and will receive full delegation of the powers of their office. They will be capable of administering those powers. They will each be experienced in the task to be done and young enough to do it. This election will bring an end to one-man gov't in America."—THOS E DEWEY, accepting the Republican nomination for President.

"I am not much addicted to barnstorming . . . but I am definitely going to stay in the fight for the things precious to the American people."—HERBERT HOOVER, interviewed at the Republican convention.

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"I know what's the matter with these prisoners. They're afraid we'll do to them what they did to our boys. They butchered us. I tell you these Heinies are as bad as the Japs, at least with the airborne troops."—A Red Haired American Paratrooper, at a field hospital in France, commenting on obvious fright of German prisoners. He recounted, as eyewitness, atrocities committed by Nazis on captured American airmen.

"It just won't come!"—AL MELGARD, veteran organist of Chicago Stadium, trying vainly to recall melody of the old song, *A Dew, Dew, Dewey Day*.

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"Republican blood is just as red, and flows just as freely as Democratic blood."—B B HICKENLOOPER, Gov of Iowa, addressing Republican Nat'l convention.

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"Politics is the biggest industry in the U S."—ROB'T WAITHMAN, correspondent for London's *News-Chronicle*, commenting on Chicago convention scene.

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"It's just that I represent people who want MacArthur."—GRANT A RITTER, Wis farmer, explaining his lone dissenting vote for the Gen'l at Republican Nat'l convention.

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"We have passed thru the twilight and have reached the dawn."—JOHN CURTIN, Prime Minister of Australia, commenting on trend of war with Japan.

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"Japan has tried a thousand times to negotiate a peace with China, but we won't listen to them. We will not have peace with Japan until we crush Japan."—DR H H KUNG, China's Finance Minister, in Washington to confer with Sec'y MORGENTHAU.

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"The majority of women will not vote for the candidate the convention is planning to name on the 1st ballot."—MISS MARGUERITE WELLS, for 10 yrs president of Nat'l League of Women Voters, in a statement issued prior to Republican convention.

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"I have been asked by the U S Treasury dep't to come here today to urge the nomination of one President—Uncle Sam; to help achieve one aim—Victory."—COL CARLOS P ROMULO, "the last man off Bataan," speaking for 5th War Loan at Republican Nat'l convention (Sale of War Bonds and stamps at Convention sessions was great disappointment to all concerned. Monday's total sale of War Stamp corsages: \$70.)

"Despite the war, Americans have never enjoyed better health. Even with many doctors in the armed services, the death rate is the lowest in our history." — Dr HERMAN L KRETSCHMER, pres, American Medical Ass'n, in a nationwide radio broadcast.

"They keep askin', 'Ain't you got somethin' fer a dime?'" — Plaintiff of a souvenir vender at Republican convention. (Quick survey of the concessionaires on the state of business yielded comments ranging from "moderate" to "terrible".)

"There's no longer any excuse for fenders on automobiles. They are a carryover from the mud guards used on buggies in the 90's." — GEO W WALKER, industrial designer, now engaged in "face-lifting" changes for a leading Detroit motor maker.

Va State Chamber of Commerce, please note: "The bride is a native of Staunton, the birthplace of the late Pres Woodrow Wilson, a beautiful city in the Shenandoah Valley of the Blue Ridge Mtns." — Society note in *Southwest News*, Chicago community newspaper.

"We request the Republican convention to help Puerto Rico restore American principles and institutions in economic, social and political fields." — Sen JOSE A BALSEIRO, chairman, Puerto Rico delegation, in spirited denunciation of policies and practices of Gov REXFORD TUGWELL.

"I've been a Republican for 55 yrs, but the Republican party had better get more democratic. I want a place to sit down!" — A 76-yr-old visitor to the Republican Nat'l convention, told that he would have to stand at an opening session, while many seats remained unoccupied.

"After all, the people who are buying the war bonds are doing so in the belief that this debt will be paid off. I cannot forecast future fiscal policy of the gov't with certainty, but I know where I stand. I favor a policy of high taxes and steady debt retirement." — HENRY MORGENTHAU, Sec'y of Treasury.

"The term 'full month' means a period of consecutive days constituting a month." — Revolutionary OPA definition issued in Washington this wk.

"The reason we're here is that we took this place by force. We established a beachhead." — GERALD L K SMITH, whose cohorts invaded grand ballroom of Chicago's Stevens hotel, and took over the room from Bricker forces to stage a vocally lusty meeting, prior to opening of Republican convention sessions.

"Whatever happens, I won't be so happy or so awfully disappointed. It's a great honor, but it's a great responsibility, too." — Mrs GEO M DEWEY, mother of the Republican presidential nominee, in a statement issued prior to the opening of the convention.

"I have seen towns fall in Africa, and Sicily, and Italy, but none thrilled me so much as the entrance of American troops into Cherbourg. Of all the places stormed by skill and guts, this ranks at the top of the list." — DON WHITEHEAD, Associated Press correspondent.

"Give us a Republican President and a Republican Congress and we can all go to sleep at night secure in the knowledge that we shall continue to enjoy the blessings of the free gov't and liberty bestowed upon us by the brave, hardy pioneers who blazed the way for our republic." — JOS W MARTIN, Jr, permanent chairman, Republican Nat'l convention.

"If Mr Roosevelt doesn't get his job continued in Nov, then we're sunk. All the gags about his wife that Chick and I have thought up for our new show this fall will lose their meaning." — OLE OLSEN, acting as an assistant sergeant-at-arms at Republican Nat'l convention. He revealed that Olsen & Johnson, producers of rowdy *Hellzapoppin'* had spent \$250 for a mask to make a show girl "look just like Mrs Roosevelt." Olsen added: "We've even got her in a bathing suit. She wears a ribbon across her chest, 'Miss Everywhere'. It's all sure-fire stuff."

"I want to remain flexible for the time being." — WENDELL WILLKIE, indicating that he will not reveal his political action course at this time.

"The spirit of this meeting is to name electors opposed to a 4th term, and to arrange for them to run on the Democratic ticket and elect a President and Vice President in the manner prescribed by the Constitution." — EUGENE TALMADGE, former Gov of Ga, announcing plans for a meeting of Anti-New Deal Democrats to be held in New Orleans. (Strategy of the group: throw election into Congress.)

"Let the next convention that meets here point to the homecoming of GI Joe with foreboding. Let another party call Joe, who has saved us, 'the terrible problem of the returned veteran.' Another candidate, not ours, can hold his ret'n as an economic club over the heads of the people. We are Americans! We say:

"Joe, we welcome you. So hurry home, Joe, by way of Berlin and Tokio. We need you to build this greater America." — Rep CLARE BOOTHE LUCE, of Conn, addressing Republican Nat'l convention.



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MINING THE MAGAZINES

Invasion and Victory—How Far Apart? — MAX WERNER, *Magazine Digest*, 7-'44.

To win the war in the West, it is not sufficient that we put foot on the European continent. The highroad from landings to victory will lead thru an uninterrupted series of hard battles. The campaign in the west is, in a military sense, a great war in itself.

No immediate collapse of the Wehrmacht in the West is to be expected. The fight will be of the highest intensity. If the offensive of the entire anti-Hitler coalition is pursued with all the forces of all the Allies on all the European fronts unrelentingly, then the military defeat of Germany may be expected in four to six mo's after the invasion. This is based on the premise that Allied strategy is bold and resourceful.

We should understand clearly that two major phases may be expected. First, we must secure a large continental base of operations for the deployment of our forces. With a broad coastal area in our hands, landings become safe transportation, no longer fighting operations. We must win, within the shortest possible time, the race for concentration of power in Western Europe, for defense as well as the offensive. When a continuous land front is established, mixed Allied operations must wrest large coastal areas from the enemy, and ward off an inevitable counter-offensive.

The 2nd phase will have as its goal the overrunning of the defensive power of the Wehrmacht inside Europe. Chief objectives: destruction of reserves; conquering strategic centers.

QUOTE shucks its heavy Overcoat

Effective with this, the 1st number of our 8th vol, *QUOTE* omits its heavy kraft mailing envelope. This is a gesture to the paper conservation program, but more directly, the result of an acute labor shortage. We can no longer recruit the large staff of workers required to insert the magazines in a period of a few hrs.

The use of an accordian fold, rather than the conventional wire staple is a necessary concomitant to the self-mailing form. WPB regulations permit only one staple in an 8-page publication. This has proved inadequate, particularly with the lighter weight stock we are now obliged to use.

We trust you will bear with us in these changes and join us in looking toward that happy day when we can bring you a bigger and much improved *QUOTE*.

BOOKS

This conversation was overheard between a senior fitter and his 14-year-old new apprentice in an engineering shop:

"What do you do with your spare time, sonny?" asked the man. "Do you read any books, or have you a hobby?"

The boy hesitated. "Well," he admitted, "I used to read a bit before I grew up."—*Answers* (London).

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Letter from a schoolboy recently received by the Library of Congress: "Can you give me the name of a good book on aeronautics and one on sane sex life? I am more interested in aeronautics."—*Newswk*.

CENSORSHIP

A Grand Island, Neb sailor wrote home from overseas: "We asked the censor and he said it was all right to tell you that we are at (deleted by censor). That is about all I can tell you, though."—*Magazine Digest*.

CHINESE—in War

When the A V G's were disbanded, the Chinese, who had paid nearly \$9 million in cash for the

P-40 planes, turned down an American Army offer to buy back the remaining planes and insisted instead on giving them to us as reverse Lend-Lease. They are now a part of the 14th Air Force.—Edw R STETTINIUS, Jr, *Lend-Lease, Weapon of Victory* (Macmillan).

DEMOCRACY—and Religion

Democracy is the only form of government which harmonizes fully with the religious principles of the Bible—the only form of government which can carry out the supremely religious function of binding free men together.—HENRY A WALLACE, v-p of U S.

DIET—German

A man reaching Stockholm after a long residence in Berlin, describes it this way: "After you've eaten a German meal today you feel as if you'd been inflated with a bicycle pump. You're still ready to sit down to a decent meal."—NAT A BARROWS, *Chicago Daily News*, Foreign Service.

FOOD—Waste

A few evenings ago, 81 men and women sat down to dinner in a small midwestern town. They were civic-minded people, united to help the war effort.

It was a simple 3-course meal. No notice had been served the guests of a graphic experiment in food waste. But as the plates were cleared away the edible food left on each plate was assembled in the kitchen. It totaled 17 lbs 4 oz—nearly a quarter of a lb per person.

At this rate, these fine people were each throwing away almost a lb of food every day!—LEE MARSHALL, "What's Your Score on Food Waste?" *Consumers' Guide*, vol x, no 4.

GOVT—and People

We shall soon be listening to many promises by men running for high office. As we consider them we should remember one thing: The Gov't has nothing to give to people that it doesn't take from them, with one exception: good management of public affairs. Let's keep our eye on the ball!—Editorial, *Country Gentleman*, 6-'44.

HUMOR—Defined

A sense of humor is what makes you laugh at something that would make you mad if it happened to you.

HUNGER—Effects

We whose children have the bread, the cereals, and the milk they need, cannot visualize what long-drawn-out hunger means to little children. In the early stages, it means their constant complaints, their incessant moans that they are hungry, to mothers who willingly deprive themselves in order to still the cries as well as they can. Later it means that the mothers constantly hear that their children have fainted while in school. It means that at school the children forget to play during recess, but only sit in corners and do not even talk. They lose much of their memory, they cannot concentrate, their attention wanders. It means that in the end, the mothers, too, notice that their little ones are becoming dull-witted. There is despair in their eyes when they ask you, "Do you think they will ever be all right again when they get enough to eat?"—JAMES WOOD JOHNSON, "The Coming Generation in Europe," pamphlet, Post War World Council.

INDIANS—at War

"The Filthy Thirteen,"—a group of American Indians in full war paint—were among the first paratroopers to go into action at the beginning of the invasion. The Indians were members of an Engineers' demolition unit, the "Braves," and wore red and black war paint with their heads shaved except for scalp locks.—*Twingine Times*, Freeman Field.

INGENUITY

A spring supplying a Canadian table water was bought by a couple of Bostonians, who hadn't counted, however, on a tariff of 25 cents per gallon. Threatened with ruin, they consulted a lawyer. He told them: "There is no duty on ice. Freeze the water, import it in cakes, unfreeze it on this side of the border." P. S. The scheme worked.—*Wall St Jnl*.

KNOWLEDGE—Applied

Australians learn as they fight. The Army Education Service has been outstandingly successful. Report on one case: "Four weeks ago he could not read or write. Yesterday he was 'crimed' for forging a leave pass."—DONALD W BAILEY, *Sat Eve Post*.

"We can do more . . ."

This excerpt is from a letter addressed to the Associated Press:

"We, the crew of the U S S Coos Bay, mainly veterans of major naval engagements, who have not had a liberty for one full yr, feel that we can do more than fight and even give our lives if necessary. We are willing to help pay the wage increase from our meager pay that money-hungry strikers are demanding, if they will continue to produce implements so that we can end this war.

"We have chosen you as our agent in our campaign to 'buy off' the strikers of Wright Aircraft Corp'n" with money we have collected: a total of 41,200 pennies.

"Implore these workers to end their strike. Ask them not to strike in the future, but, instead, let the men in the war zone know of their dissatisfaction, and they will gladly chip in to save them from starvation, so they may continue to produce arms for us to defeat their enemy as well as ours.

"We ask this so that we can come home soon to see the ones we love, and—yes—to see you strikers. Do you want to see us?"

"If the Wright strike is over, just choose another. There are always plenty at hand."

* In the Wright strike wages were not at issue; it was an anti-Negro demonstration. (The money enclosed was turned over to Sec'y of the Navy.)

LABOR—Blessings of

I am not conscious of dreariness in housework. When I make beds I give thanks for the rest I rec'd there. I bless everything in my home—even the garbage, because, to me, that signifies that we live in abundance.—Letter from a housewife, quoted in *Progressive Farmer*.



**CONFIDENTIALLY
THRU A
MEGAPHONE**

Republican public relations division all but bogged down at Chicago convention. Provisions for working press were inadequate, and ticket distribution was poorly handled. By Sunday preceding convention no gen'l admission tickets were to be had except thru scalpers who separated daily-admission stubs, sold them for \$10 to \$15 each (after 1st day, guards refused admission on these separate stubs; req'd full ticket to gain entrance.) Yet at most sessions there were many empty seats in galleries. Situation led Women's League for Political Education to issue flier implying that convention was operated for "politicians and money-changers." They charged, "People are being kept out of the convention, and thousands of empty seats bear mute evidence of their expulsion."

Dep't of Agriculture now estimates that some 300,000 new farms will be available to ret'g war veterans. Approx 15 millions acres have been reclaimed thru irrigation, drainage, ret'n of lands now used for military purposes, etc. It is estimated that some 1/2 million older farmers will retire; their farms will be available.

Gov't policy will be to encourage servicemen who incline toward agriculture to own and operate their farms. This will be accomplished thru liberal loans, other inducements. Post-Civil War slogan, "40 acres and a mule" has been streamlined to "160 acres and a jeep." Farm leaders agree that this tendency will result in very tight farm labor situation for yrs to come. Many believe trend will necessarily be toward smaller farming units with more dependence on electrical and diesel power.



CONSTRUCTION: The trend toward lighter, yet tougher construction materials, leads to the prediction that our "timber" of the future may come largely from the field, rather than the forest. Scotch heather, for example, is the source of an industry that shows great promise. Ground and pressed into sheets, it does the work of wood and is already competing with plastics in several fields. (*Philco bulletin*)

INVENTION: Whistling nozzle for gasoline delivery hose, gives warning when tank is nearly full. Device, newly patented, has 2 air intakes, one on lower end, one on side. When liquid closes lower, air entering the other impinges on a lip, causes the whistling sound. (*Science News Letter*)

PLASTICS: Fluorescent plastic envelopes now being used for reading maps at night. Useful to plane and ship pilots. Anticipate big mkt among auto and boat owners, civilian plane pilots. (*Facts*)

SCIENCE: Indication that a new X-ray unit may detect in advance points of strain in welded ships, was brought out at a symposium on X-ray diffraction held by American Physical society and American Society for X-ray and Electron Diffraction. Some recently-constructed vessels (Liberty ships, in particular) have broken under strain. All have been welded. However, weakness is not in the welds, but results from stresses of welding heat in steel a few inches from weld seams.

X-ray detection process is too complicated to explain briefly, but unit may be carried aboard ship by one man, and tests determine weaknesses promptly, in advance of launching.

LABOR—Shortage

No waitress to be had, a Detroit sandwich shop employs a toy train to serve its patrons at its oval shaped counter, according to report. The proprietor takes orders in person, then retires to the kitchen. Soon the train engine speeds from the kitchen drawing several flat cars loaded with sandwiches. Operated from the kitchen by button system, the train travels a stationary track which follows the inside edge of the counter.—*Blueprints*, hm Nat'l Tool Co (Cleveland, O).

LIBERTY

Liberty is always dangerous, but it is the safest thing we have.—Dr HARRY EMERSON FOSDICK.

NATURE—as Man's Aid

Oliver Wendell Holmes, the jurist, was an amateur photographer. When one of his pictures turned out a little better than usual, he tendered a copy to a friend, with the whimsical acknowledgement: "Taken by O W Holmes & Sun."—*Christian Science Monitor*.

OPPORTUNISM—Servicemen

Some marines in the s-w Pacific ret'g to a base from combat, were thrown in with a group of envious noncombatant soldiers. Great admiration was expressed for battle trophies the marines had taken from Japanese, especially flags. The soldiers even offered to buy all the flags.

Marines, to whom ready cash has always been of primary value, began selling at a profitable clip. Soon realizing that their supply would never keep pace with demand, they excused themselves, browsed around the soldiers' camp until they discovered several doz white bedsheets and a can of red paint. With these materials they improvised a set of flags that sold, if anything, better than the originals.—E J KAHN, Jr., chief warrant officer, "Soldier Humor," *Infantry Jnl*.

PRAYER—and the Church

Since my entry into the Army I have been in many communities. Always it has been the same. Whenever I felt the desire for secluded

prayer or meditation, I have found the church doors closed.

Why should the Church which taught me to make my Christianity an everyday practice carefully lock its doors behind me as I leave it Sunday? Is not the Church under responsibility to keep its message in practice all wk long?—Cpl NEAL D BACHMAN, "Why Bolt the Doors?" *Christian Advocate*, 6-24-'44.

Signs of the Times

Chicagoans were chuckling this wk over the ingenuity of Wm ("Billy Goat") SIANIS, prop of Billy Goat's Tavern, directly across the st from Chicago Stadium. Billy placarded his establishment with a huge sign: "No Republicans Allowed." The effect was precisely as anticipated. Thirsty delegates glared their defiance, pushed their way in, clamored loudly for drinks. "Billy Goat" hastened to comply. The delegates, pleased to have won a valiant victory, departed. And Mr Sianis bore up remarkably well for a vanquished foe. "Business," he said, beaming broadly, "was never better."

A Madison st liquor emporium put out a window display to rouse nostalgic memories of many a dusty-throated Republican. There, in plain view, were all of the fine old brands of fond recollection—scotch, bourbon, rye in bottled abundance. A large sign boldly proclaimed: "Delegates! We have Plenty of Liquor for you at Ceiling Prices!"

Those who entered hopefully were greeted by a much smaller sign: "Due to Wartime Restrictions, some of the Brands shown in our Window are unfortunately not available for sale. They are for display purposes only." Customers could take their choice of green Cuban bourbon, a few off brands of domestic stock.

WISDOM—Example

When you hire people who are smarter than you are, you prove you are smarter than they are.—*Printers' Ink*.

How Peace Is Made

CLIFTON FADIMAN, in his introduction to the new book by MORTIMER J. ADLER says: "The title of this book is *How to Think About War and Peace. Not How to Prevent War. Not How to Make Peace. But how to think about war and peace. And right there screams of anguish start. Very few of us who say we hate war and want peace are willing to do the hard, painful thinking that must precede the abolition of war and the creation of peace. For that kind of thinking leads to the conclusion most of us are willing to face only at the point of a gun: the conclusion that we must change our minds. But, when the gun is there, it is already too late.*"

The book is published by Simon & Schuster at \$2.50. We abridge an important chapter:

The cause of peace is gov't. The effective operations of gov't make peace and keep it. Without gov't no community could long endure, if it could ever exist at all.

Imagine any limited area of the earth's surface. Populate this area with human beings. Add the further condition that no part be entirely self-sufficient, that contact and communication, commerce and culture, interlock their lives. Proceed, then, to solve the problem of peace vs war for this area.

Single Political Community

Can you imagine peace being made without the formation of a single political community? Can you imagine such a community without political organization and gov't? Extend this area from any limited part of the earth's surface to the whole globe. Enlarge the population from some men to all. Retain the condition that no part of the population live in isolation.

Can anyone deny that *e pluribus unum* is the maxim of world peace—and for the same reasons that it is the principle of local peace?

The chief function of gov't is to settle differences among men who engage to live together. That is the reason gov't is needed to keep the peace. There must be some way to get men who may disagree individually to concur in a common action.

Effective gov't must combine authority with force. Naked authority will not keep the peace because men are men, not angels. Why will force not do the work of gov't? History answers. The tyrant maintains the community only for the sake of exploiting it. Whoever feels the op-

pression of the tyrant, will obey only under threat of force. When people are driven to prefer risk of death to further oppression, they use naked force against naked force. . .

The institutions of gov't can be regarded as machinery for keeping quarrels on the level of conversation. The use of language, as well as brawn, differentiates man from the animals. Men can settle things by words as well as by fists and stones and guns.

There can be no peace among predatory beasts. There can only be a temporary truce when the brutes are well fed or exhausted, or their prey is in hiding.

But between men there can be either peace or war. Since they are both *rational* and *animal*, they can make peace or war—the one by discussion, the other by force.

Man Can Have Peace or War

Yet this is not the whole truth, for we must add that men can have peace only thru the institutions of gov't. Without gov't the conversation too frequently fails. Without gov't, discussion cannot be assured that its conclusions will prevail.

War can be made by force alone. But peace cannot be made unless force implements discussion. When they make peace, men behave reasonably, but never without a reasonable respect for *brute force*.

Human gov't, composite of law and force, reflects man's composite nature—his rational animality. Precisely because it corresponds to human nature, gov't and nothing but gov't makes the human community and keeps the peace.



GEMS FROM

Yesteryear

A Discourse on Sex

JOS ADDISON

JOS ADDISON, who died 225 yrs ago this wk, is chiefly remembered for his several hundred contributions to *The Spectator*. Two of these papers related the fanciful history of two states bordering upon one another. The one, a commonwealth of Amazons; the other a republic of males. As you may have surmised, they eventually amalgamated! This excerpt is from the introduction:

Had our species no females in it, men would be quite different creatures from what they are at present: their endeavor to please the opposite sex polishes and refines them out of those manners which are most natural to them.

Women, on the other hand, are apt to form themselves in everything with regard to that other half of reasonable creatures, with whom they are here blended and confused: their thoughts are ever turned upon appearing amiable to the other sex; they talk, and move, and smile, with a design upon us; every feature of their faces, every part of their dress, is filled with snares and allurements. There would be no such animals as prudes or coquettes in the world, were there not such an animal as man. In short, it is the male that gives charms to womankind.

As this mutual regard between the sexes tends to the improvement of each of them, we may observe that men are apt to degenerate into rough and brutal natures who live as if there were no such things as women in the world; on the contrary, women who have an aversion to their counterparts in human nature are generally sour and unamiable, sluttish and censorious.

